# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2849
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
IRREGULARITIES IN THE DISTRTIBUTION OF LPG
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some cases are being investigated by the Vigilance Department against Officers of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited found involved in Committing gross irregularities in the distribution of LPG during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against them; and

(d) the number of cases pending/rejected out of them?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2849 FO 7.12.2000 REGARDING IRREGULARITIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF LPG.

(a) to (d) : At present the following four cases are being investigated into:

| S.No. | Name of the complainant and date | Allegations in brief | Status |
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| 1. | Shri SB Borse, and others- complaint dated 25.10.99. | Complaint against M/s.Saurabh Gas Agncy,Aurangabad regarding alleged corrupt malpractices relating to release of LPG connections. | The complaint has been registered on 24.11.1999 and is under investiga-tion. |
| 2 | Shri Rajesh Verma,MP (LS) & Member Standing Committee, Petroleum & Chemicals - complaint dated 24.4.2000. | Complaint against Sh.Y.K.Gupta, the then Area Manager, Agra Area Office regarding alleged induction of spurious cylinders through M/s.Ganga Gas Agency Agra etc. | The complaint has been registered on 12.5.2000 and is under investig-ation |
| 3. | Shri Rajesh Gujral of Janakpuri, New Delhi- complaint dated 24.6.2000. | Complaint against M/s.Prabhat Gas Service, Janakpuri,N Delhi regarding alleged pilferage of LPG from cylinders being supplied to the consumers etc. No specific allegation against any officer of Indian Oil Corporation. | The Complaint has been registered on 30.6.2000 and is under examination. |
| 4. | Shri Yogender Gautam,Advocate, Shahdra, Delhi- complaint dated 13.11.2000 | Complaint against M/s.B.N.Gupta and Co. Shahdra regarding erratic supply of gas, underweight cylinders and cylinders containing water etc. | The complaint has been registered on 16.11.2000 and is under investigation. |

During the last three years, action has been initiated in 34 cases in which Vigilance investigation was completed. Out of these cases, punishment has been awarded in 5 cases. In 4 cases the officers have been exonerated of the charges. In remaining cases, action

has nas not been completed.